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1. ANDRE LEVIN, SYG'S REP FOR GOOD OFFICES MISSION TO
GUINEA, GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK DEC 10 TO AN-
NOUNCE IMMINENT GUINEAN-FRENCH-UN AGREEMENT ON RELEASE
OF 16 FRENCH AND 6 FRENCH-LEBANESE PRISONERS WHO HAD
BEEN IN JAIL IN GUINEA SINCE 1970. JUST RETURNED FROM
CONAKRY, LEVIN SAID ONLY DECISION LEFT IS EXACT DATE
OF ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN ABOUT ONE
WEEK. HE EXPECTS PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED BY JANUARY
AND PERHAPS IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. ACCORDING LEVIN,
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE PROGRESSED OVER LAST SIX MONTHS DURING
WHICH TIME HEALTH OF PRISONERS HAS IMPROVED. LEVIN
SAID COMMUNIQUE, TEXT OF WHICH IS NO LONGER IN DIS-
PUTE, SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED SIMILTANEOUSLY IN PARIS,
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CONAKRY AND NEW YORK.

2. FINAL GOOD OFFICES AGREEMENT WILL BE WITH LEBANON AND MAY COME IN MID-JANUARY. NEGOTIATION ON THIS AGREEMENT CONCERNS SIX LEBANESE PRISONERS REMAINING IN GUINEAN JAIL. MATTER IS TO BE SETTLED THROUGH LEBANESE MINISTERIAL VISIT TO GUINEA IN MID-JANUARY.

3. LEVIN SAID THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF GUINEANS, ONE GREEK AND ONE CZECH LEFT IN GUINEAN JAILS, AND HE HOPES PRESIDENT OF GUINEA WILL GRANT AMNESTY TO REMAINING TWO FOREIGNERS.

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